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Naples, Octob. 19.

ON Wednesday last one *Andrea Mellone* was torn in pieces by four Horses, according to the Sentence he had received, for having held correspondence with the French; to whom he would have delivered the Tower *del Carmine*; and in order thereunto, had held divers practices, though it appears he was not at all a person capable to execute a design of that nature. By a Tartane arrived from *Trapani* we are assured, that the French Men of War designed to fetch a fresh Convoy from *Thoulon*, were sailed from *Mestina*. It is said here that great numbers of Soldiers are sick at *Messina*, insomuch that the Hospitals are not able to receive them all; many French desert likewise, but we begin to suspect that they do it with design, and that they are employed as Spies to learn the posture of our affairs.

Copenhagen, Novemb. 9. Yesterday Major General *Duncan*, who, it was feared was lost in the late Storm, arrived here. Monsieur *Guldenlieu* is expected in few days from *Norway*, all Military action being ended on that side for this year. We are sending from hence 1600 Foot to assist the Elector of *Brandenburg* at the Siege of *Stetin*, which proves a work of great difficulty.

Strasburg, Novemb. 12. For these two days we have heard great shooting, which we understand to be at *Friburg*, the French having been before it since the 8th instant. They have already raised three Batteries, on which they have planted 30 pieces of Cannon. The Garison consists in 2500 Foot, and 400 Horse; which would have been reinforced by several hundred of Peasants; but the place was invested so on the suddain that they could not get in. Upon this news the Imperial Army, which was marching towards *Weissenburg*, has made a halt, and five Regiments we hear are on their march, under the command of Major-General *Schultz*, to try if he can put any Succor into the place. The Imperialists have put Garisons into *Lichtenberg* and *Bosweiler*, which will very much bridle the French Garison in *Petite Pierre*.

From the Imperial Camp at Salmbach *on the* Lauter, *Novemb.* 12. The Duke of *Lorrain* having held here a general review of the Army, the orders were given to march this day, in order to the putting the Troops into Winter-quarters; but a Courier arriving with advice that the Mareschal *de Crequi* has besieged *Friburg*, those orders have been changed, and new resolutions taken; what they are we cannot yet learn, farther than that several Regiments are commanded to march with all possible diligence towards *Brisgow*, and that Major-General *Schultz* parted last night for *Offenbourg*. The Count *de Caprara* before this news came, had taken his march towards *Creutznach* in the *Lower Palatinate*, where he will have his quarter, and command the Troops that are to winter on that side the *Rhine*.

Mentz, Novemb. 13. The Imperial Regiments of *Harrant*, *Starenberg*, and *Maysfeld*, have passed the *Rhine* at *Stattmallen*; and some others will do the like at *Philipsburg*; but news being come that the Mareschal *de Crequi* has besieged *Fribourg*, it is believed the said Regiments will rejoin again, in order to the marching to the relief of the place.

Cologne, Novemb. 16. The Troops of the Bishop of *Munster*, which served in *Flanders* this Campagne, commanded by Baron *de Wedel*, have passed the *Maese*, and are marching towards the Territory of *Aix la Chapelle*, where, it's said, they will take their Winter-quarters. Our Elector has promised by the late Treaty concluded with the Emperor, to receive 2000 Imperialists to winter in this Dioces. From *Strasbourg* they write of the 12th instant, that they were extreamly alarmed at the news they had that the French had besieged *Fribourg*, to the relief of which the Duke of *Lorrain* was marching, but that it was questioned whether he would be able to arrive time enough, considering the distance he was at, and that he was to take his march through a desolate and ruined Country.

Antwerp, Novemb. 16. On Friday night his Excellency the Duke *de Villa Hermosa* arrived here from *Brussells*, and went directly to the House where the Marquis *de los Balbaces* is lodged; who, to prevent that Compliment, went before to the Palace to expect his Excellency there. Saturday was spent in Visits of Ceremony, and in the evening the Court was entertained with a Ball; on Sunday in the afternoon his Excellency the Marquis *de los Balbaces*, the Marquis *de Fuentes*, designed Ambassador for *England*, and *Don Emanuel de Lyra* the Spanish Minister at the *Hague*, had a Conference together, which was so secret, that they did not permit a Secretary to be present. At this Conference his Excellency was taken very ill with a sudden and violent vomiting, which turning to a Fever, continues to keep him in his Bed. Yesterday the Marquis *de los Balbaces* performed the Ceremony of giving the Habit of St. *Jago* to *Don Emanuel de Lyra*, in the *Augustins* Church, in the presence of all the persons of quality in Town. Yesterday after dinner, the Marquis *de los Balbaces*, the Marquis *de Fuentes*, and *Don Emanuel de Lyra*, had another Conference. Last night the Duke *de Montalto* General of the Spanish Cavalry, and Count *Egmont* came hither from *Brussells*, and this morning Count *Waldeck* from *Malines*; and this afternoon a Council of War hath been held, upon the news we receive that the French are assembling a Body of 14 or 15000 men near *Aeth*; and that according to all appearance their design is upon *Hall*. Where it was resolved, that orders should be given to all the Troops as well Dutch as Spanish that are quartered in these parts, to be ready to march upon the first command.

Brussels, Novemb. 19. From *Haynault* they write, that the French are making great preparations for the attacking of *St. Guislain*, so soon as the weather will permit;